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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REQUEST-  
ING ASSISTANCE FOR GROUP OF 65 WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS WHOSE PLANS TO VISIT GALAPAGOS ISLANDS IN JANUARY  
1975 HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY WITHDRAWAL OFFER OF TRANS-  
PORTATION BY ECUADOREAN NAVY. SIMILAR GROUP VISITED  
GALAPAGOS IN DECEMBER 1973 ON BOARD ECUADOREAN NAVAL  
VESSEL, THE CALICUCHIMA, AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO DO  
THE SAME IN 1975. HOWEVER, ECUADOREAN NAVY HAS NOW  
INDICATED THAT CALICUCHIMA NOW DOWN FOR REPAIRS.

2. COMPANY WHICH HANDLED CHARTER FOR WAKE FOREST GROUPS  
HAS INDICATED THAT REAL REASON FOR DECISION ECUADOREAN  
NAVY MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY "MISBEHAVIOR AND COMPLAIN-  
ING ON PART OF ONE GROUP OF AMERICAN PASSENGERS WHICH  
APPARENTLY PROMPTED THE ECUADOREAN NAVY TO WITHDRAW THE  
SHIP FROM AMERICAN USE IN ORDER TO PREVENT SIMILAR IN-  
CIDENTS AND FUTURE EMBARRASSMENT." NO OTHER DETAILS  
AVAILABLE. IF POSTS ARE AWARE OF ANY SUBSTANCE TO THIS  
REPORT, THEIR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.

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3. THE ECUADOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS TOLD

DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS PREPARED PROCESS A NEW APPLICATION  
FROM WAKE FOREST GROUP FOR USE OF ANOTHER ECUADOREAN

NAVAL VESSEL AND THE GROUP IS BEING SO INFORMED.  
EMBASSY CERTAINLY UNAWARE OF ANY NEW POLICY RELATING  
TO TRANSPORT AMERICAN GROUPS TO THE GALAPAGOS.

4. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES  
ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL OR NAVAL TRANSPORT FOR GROUP  
THIS SIZE AND INFORM DEPARTMENT SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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